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1. During the nights of 8 and 10 October 1951, source observed bridge-building practices at the engineer training site in the Dessau-Rosslau (E 52/E 17) area. The Labe River was closed to shipping from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. on 11 October, while a heavy pontoon bridge was floated into place near Muehlanger. The troops involved in the exercise had vehicles [REDACTED] 25X1C
- 25X1C [REDACTED] All bridge-building equipment at the Rosslau training site was removed from the water on 15 October. Amphibious cars were given a new coat of brown paint. (1) Between 7 and 20 October, small groups of unarmed soldiers, apparently recruits, escorted by engineer officers, were repeatedly seen marching from the railroad station to the barracks installation. In addition, troops with baggage and arms arrived at the Rosslau railroad station from the direction of Magdeburg on 9, 10, 11 and 19 October at a rate of about 150 men per day. These troops were assigned to the engineer unit. No tank troopers were seen arriving. (2) The library with a reading room containing good furniture and carpets, which had recently been established in an officers' house, was again shipped away. On 18 October, Camp Gross Kuehnau was occupied by not more than 500 troops, who wore red-bordered black epaulets. German workers and Soviet soldiers were seen constructing earth bunkers for ammunition or fuel as well as open sheds and wooden garages. (3)
2. On 12 October, trucks [REDACTED] were seen shuttling between Camp Nochten and the Weisswasser (O 52/A 74) railroad station, hauling ammunition boxes and billeting equipment to the station. From 12 to 15 October, the railroad station was cordoned off and guarded by about 70 soldiers, who wore red-bordered black epaulets. Intraining operations were conducted during that period. (4) One jeep and 12 T-34/85 tanks [REDACTED] were seen driving from the Weisswasser railroad station toward Camp Nochten at 5:15 p.m. on 16 October. (5) Two T-34/85 tanks drove from Camp Nochten to the Weisswasser railroad station at 5:30 p.m. on 16 October.
3. A column, which left Stalag I in Luckenwalde (N 53/Z 70) toward Forst Zinna at 2:45 p.m. on 19 October, consisted of 1 jeep,

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4 armored reconnaissance cars, 3 sidecar motorcycles and 25 trucks

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(6) A convoy, which left Stalag III toward Cottow at 1:30 p.m. on 26 October, consisted of about 30 trucks carrying troops and equipment. The convoy was headed by a jeep, and its rear was brought up by radio car. The trucks had

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4. A train, which passed through the Apolda (M 52/Y 67) railroad station toward Naumburg at 3:40 p.m. on 17 October, carried 16 tanks and several trucks,

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Comments.

- (1) According to the [REDACTED] the engineer exercises were conducted by the 36th Pon Bridge Regt of the GDFG, which is stationed in the Pionierschule, Rosslau, and practices at the training site to the southeast.
- (2) The information agrees with several other reports of the arrival of recruits in the Soviet Zone of Germany.
- (3) Camp Gross Kuehnau, north of Dessau, was reported, by another sources to have quartered components of the unidentified engineer regiment of the GDFG from Bernburg on 16 October 1951. The present report stating that the camp was improved indicates that troops may be quartered there permanently.
- (4) Vehicles of the 9th Mecz Div. Two other sources previously reported that the bulk of the divisional components left the Weisswasser troop training grounds. Four other sources confirm the arrival of divisional components in Cottbus, Luebben and Spremberg.
- (5) Reports by two other sources, stating that troops were loaded in Cottbus on 13 and 14 October 1951, and that two troop trains were en route to Weisswasser on 14 and 16 October respectively, previously indicated that some components of the division again left Cottbus for Weisswasser. The tank mentioned in the present report support the previous assumption that the units, which went to Weisswasser, were components of the 71st Mecz Regt from the Dissenchen Kaserne.
- (6) Vehicles of various units of the Third Gds Mecz Army, which had periodically been observed in this area.
- (7) A convoy of the unidentified AAA division. As the vehicles carried billeting equipment, it appears possible that the troops were relieving the detail manning the AA guns emplacement on Gottowerstrasse.
- (8) According to the [REDACTED] the train carried a component of the 57th Gds Itz Rifle Div and probably came from the Kindel troop training grounds, where the division was last confirmed on 12 September 1951. Reports from Naumburg received to date indicate only that an advance party arrived in the barracks installation on Flemminger Weg on 12 October 1951, and that the engineer battalion returned from Bad Koesen in the middle of October 1951.

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